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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application**Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.137 (b)**

To the Commissioner for Patents:

The above-referenced application became abandoned on June 27, 2001. Petitioner hereby requests that the above-referenced application be revived on the ground that the entire delay in paying the U.S. Basic National Fee was unintentional.

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Recently, Applicant's attorney, Shahan Islam (Reg. No. 32,507) who was responsible for this application, left his employment at the firm of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman. In reviewing the current status of the files for which Mr. Islam was responsible, it became evident that the above-referenced application was abandoned unintentionally.

Applicant intended for the U.S. Basic National Fee to be withdrawn from deposit account number 50-1290. However, it appears that the indicated deposit account did not have sufficient funds to cover the fee on June 1, 2001 when an attempt by the USPTO was made to withdraw the fee.¹

Applicant was not aware that the Basic National Fee was not paid for this application. Applicant recently received an Office Action for U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/902,901 in which Applicant claimed priority to the current application. In the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, Examiner Patrick M. Buechner indicated that the claim to priority was not valid as "copendency between the current application and the prior application is required." Upon further investigation, Applicant became aware that the current application was abandoned on June 27, 2001.

No record of the abandonment was in Applicant's attorney's file for this application. Applicant has now obtained a copy of the Notice of Abandonment dated June 27, 2001 from

¹ As explained herein, a copy of the Notice of Abandonment dated June 27, 2001 was faxed to the Applicant's undersigned attorney. The Notice of Abandonment indicated that Deposit "Account Number. 50-1290 Had Insufficient Funds on 6/1/2001"

Customer Service Representative Trudy Mitchell, who faxed the Notice of Abandonment to Applicant's undersigned attorney on May 12, 2003.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant hereby requests that the current application be revived. It is hereby submitted that entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

As the current application became abandoned for failure to pay the Basic National Fee within the 30-month period, Applicant hereby requests that the Basic National Fee for the current application be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 50-1290, as a proper reply pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

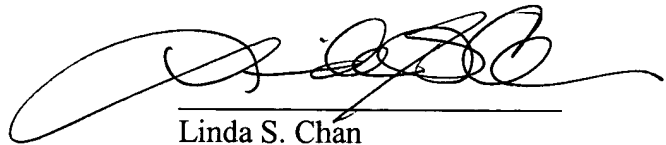
Thus, it is hereby requested that the current application be revived and returned to examination.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(b) and as required by 37 CFR § 1.137(b)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-1290. It is believed that no other fees are due with this petition. However, if any such fees are due with this paper, they may be charged on Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this petition to the Applicant's undersigned attorney,
who can be reached directly by telephone at (212)940-8712.

Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda S. Chan', is written over a horizontal line.

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